

Parks, Greenways and Trails Analysis

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Parks, Greenways and Trails Analysis

This chapter of the comprehensive plan describes the existing system of parks and recreation open space, the guidelines used in evaluating the need for new or improved parks, and the estimated need for additional parks, greenways and trails to serve the growing population.

The City of Eau Claire has established itself as a community dedicated to the ideal that recreation and open space are a vital component to quality of life as evidenced by its existing system of parks illustrated by Figure 6-1. This is a community blessed with an abundance of water in the form of two major rivers and several lakes and streams. (Its name is French for “clear water.”) Although several large park spaces have been created along the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers, the greatest open space opportunity before the City is to link those locations with linear parks and trails.

Eau Claire’s park and open space areas provide outdoor settings that few cities of comparable size can match. Resources such as Half Moon Lake, Dells Pond, the Chippewa River, the Eau Claire River, and the valleys, bluffs and ridgelines provide a strong base for the system. These and other parks or school athletic fields provide the community with a variety of passive and active recreation opportunities.

This chapter of the Comprehensive Plan addresses both the long-term needs of the system as well as some of its short-term needs. It is based on the parks chapter of the 1993 comprehensive plan and tries to maintain some continuity with the basic direction of that plan. A more detailed description of short-term needs is included in the *City of Eau Claire 2003 – 2007 Park and Open Space Plan*.

The elements of this chapter are:

- Major Parks, Greenways and Trails Issues
- Park Classification and Assessment System
- City Parks and Open Space Inventory
- School District Open Space
- University of Wisconsin Recreation Fields
- Nearby State and County Parks
- Planned Parks
- Waterways and Greenways
- Trails
- Neighborhood versus District Playgrounds
- Park Land Acquisition
- Recreation Programs
- Park Facilities Needs

Major Park System Issues

The following questions should be discussed and resolved during the planning process. The subsequent analysis of conditions is written to help readers understand why these are issues and how they are interrelated.

1. **The Number of Full-Service Playgrounds:** In order to save money, should the City reduce the number of Playgrounds at which it provides a full complement of facilities and programs?
2. **New Neighborhood Parks:** Should the City continue with the practice of creating a 5- to 10-acre Playground in each new neighborhood (about 4,000 residents), or should there be fewer but larger Playgrounds?
3. **Riverfront Parks:** How aggressive should the City be in acquiring land and/or easements to extend the park system along the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers? To what extent should the City strive to provide or require public access to the riverfront during property redevelopment? What should be the balance between public access and private control?
4. **Balance of Park Size and Type in All Areas of the City:** Should newly developed areas have the same number and distribution of small neighborhood parks as older Eau Claire neighborhood? What should the City do, if anything, to ensure that residents of older neighborhoods have the same access to large athletic fields as do the residents of new neighborhoods, and that newer neighborhoods have easy walking access to visually attractive parks?
5. **The Role of Parks in Urban Design:** Should the City make a conscious effort to use parks, greenways and parkways to enhance residential neighborhoods and commercial districts, reflect local cultural heritage and honor civic life?
6. **Park Land Acquisition:** Is the present system of acquiring land for future parks adequate?
7. **Aesthetics and Standards for Parks and Park Buildings:** Should the City write and adopt guidelines for the design of new park buildings? Should there be a consistent look or style for all park system buildings?
8. **Ecological Stewardship:** Should portions of the park system be managed for water quality improvements, wildlife habitat, protection of sensitive features and/or natural interpretation?
9. **New Sports:** Should the City create facilities to provide for new and emerging sports such as skateboarding?
10. **Swimming:** Should the City build an indoor swimming and water play center? Should this facility be built in combination with other indoor recreation needs such as a fitness training center and community meeting rooms?

- 11. Football and Soccer:** Should the City install an artificial turf surface at the stadium in Carson Park for intensive use by football, soccer, lacrosse and other activities?
- 12. Classification System:** Should a category be created for “community athletic fields,” borrowing parks from the Community Parks and the Special Areas classifications?
- 13. Greenways:** Should the City attempt to acquire land to create linear public parks (greenways) along Otter, Lowes and/or Sherman Creek?
- 14. Rail to Trails Corridors:** Should the City continue to acquire title to rail corridors when those corridors are abandoned?



The Chippewa River State Trail crosses the Chippewa River to Phoenix Park on a former railroad bridge near the confluence with the Eau Claire River.

Park Classification and Assessment System

The lands owned by the City and the public agencies in and around Eau Claire for outdoor recreation are designed for differing purposes. Some are aimed at small children in a small geographic area (“Neighborhood Playgrounds”) while others are intended for adult team play (“Community Park”).

Numeric guidelines for system planning have been established by a national park advocacy organization and refined by the City of Eau Claire. These guidelines suggest what would normally be desired in terms of the approximate number of acres of each type of park or the number of a particular type of facility, such as soccer fields. The need is usually expressed in terms of “per thousand residents.” The geographic area of measurement varies by type of park or facility. For example, Neighborhood Playgrounds serve only a walking distance of about ½ mile while Community Parks serve the entire city.

These system planning guidelines are only that – guidelines. They are a place to start and need to be adjusted depending on geographic barriers such as major roads or the desires of the groups being served. The standards do not consider factors that may be unique to a particular service area or neighborhood such as age distribution, income, type of housing, density, etc. In addition, standards do not consider the availability and quality of the natural amenities available at individual sites for its physical features. Such resources and features play a key role in determining the facilities developed at the park.

While the numbers do not provide the answers by themselves, they are a useful comparison if used judiciously. They will be reexamined and possibly modified during the course of this planning process.

The current classification scheme and the numeric guidelines are presented by Tables 1 and 2 on the following pages.

Table 6-1
Current Eau Claire Guidelines for Park and Recreation Open Space Planning

	Group Served	Acres per 1,000 population	Service Area	Desirable Size	Location	Facilities and Features
Playlot	Pre-school children	Special facility for higher-density housing	1 to 4 blocks	No standard. Usually less than 1/4 acre.	High-density neighborhood that lacks private yards. Interior of residential block or housing development or in corner of neighborhood park.	Sandbox, swings, slides, climbing structures, benches, open shelter, fences, paved and grass areas. Not considered essential in large-lot residential areas.
Neighborhood Playground	Neighborhood surrounding the playground (primarily those 5 to 14 years of age)	2 acres per 1,000 persons depending on neighborhood characteristics	1/2 mile radius from playgrounds	5 to 10 acres minimum	Near center of neighborhood. Preferably at or adjoining an elementary school. Should be accessible by pedestrians.	Play apparatus area, multi-purpose athletic field, shelter building, skating rinks, organized summer playground program offered. Quiet or passive areas and activities should also be provided.
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood surrounding the Park (for all ages)	2 acres per 1,000 persons depending on neighborhood characteristics	1/2 mile radius	2 acre minimum	Near intensely developed areas and areas of high density	Shaded areas for quiet activities, plantings, benches and picnic tables.
Community Park	Entire community (all ages)	5 acres per 1,000 residents	Area within 20 minutes travel time	25 acres minimum; 50+ acres desirable.	Where appropriate sites can be obtained incorporating scenic or other natural features. Should be along collector or arterial streets.	Active athletic areas similar to playfield but at least 1/2 should be rustic and provide picnicking, hiking, fishing, boating, etc. Shelters, swimming pools and quiet passive areas desirable.
Special Area	Entire community	Not applicable	No specific service area	Depends on type of facility	Depends on type of facility.	Hockey rinks, swimming facilities, archery, skiing, sledding, pedestrian and bicycle trails, scenic overlooks or sites.
Street Island	Neighborhood surrounding the site (for all ages)	Not applicable	Immediately adjacent site	6,500 square feet	Depends on the purpose and design	Benches and plantings
Waterfront Corridor	Entire community	Not applicable	No specific service area	Minimum width 25 feet; no minimum length.	Along lake or river shoreline	Bicycle and pedestrian trails, benches, look-outs, small picnic areas.

Table 6-2
Current Numeric Guidelines for Park Facilities

Outdoor Facility	Standard per 1,000 Residents	Comments
Baseball diamonds	1 per 6,000	Regulation 90 feet
Softball diamond (and/or youth diamonds)	1 per 3,000	
Soccer fields	No guideline presently adopted by Eau Claire	Some should be lighted and irrigated for maximum use. Larger groups allow tournament play.
Tennis courts	1 per 2,000	Best in groups of four.
Basketball courts	1 per 500	
Hockey rinks	No guideline presently adopted by Eau Claire.	
Skating rinks	1 per 30,000	
Neighborhood centers	1 per 10,000	
Community Centers	1 per 25,000	



Example of play equipment in a Neighborhood Playground.

City Parks and Open Space Inventory

This section describes and itemizes the parks owned by the City of Eau Claire.

Other recreation lands are owned by the Eau Claire School District and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and those are available for public use to one degree or another. Subsequent sections describe those sites.

These facilities are categorized by type and location so that they can be compared with accepted general guidelines and judged according to neighborhood needs.

Table 6-3
Acreage of City, School District and University Parks and Athletic Fields

City Parks	Acreage
Neighborhood Playgrounds	82
Neighborhood Plgrds (school sites)	32
Neighborhood Parks	11
Community Parks	534
Special Areas	245
Waterfront and Parkway Areas	105
Street Islands	1
Total	1,010

As of 2003, Eau Claire owned approximately 1,010 acres of park and recreation open space, an increase of approximately 366 acres since 1993. This change is primarily attributable to the acquisition of the two major new community parks (Northwest and Southeast Community Parks) and the acquisition and development of the Eau Claire Soccer Fields located on East Hamilton Avenue.

A list of the City's facilities by functional classification is provided in Tables 6-4 through 6-8. Figures 6-1 through 6-4 illustrate the location of those sites. Finally, Appendix A identifies the specific types of facilities that are provided at each site.

**Table 6-4
Neighborhood Playgrounds**

Name	Acreage
Boyd	7
Buffington	12
Cameron	3
Demmler	4
Grover Heights	9
Hobart	3
Kessler	2
Lakeshore	3
McDonough	10
Mitscher	3
Newell	3
Oakwood Hills	5
Pinehurst	5
Princeton Valley	3
Sundet	5
Zephyr Hill	5
Total	82

**Table 6-5
Neighborhood Park-School
Playgrounds**

Name	Acreage
Davey	4
Flynn	5
Manz	5
Putnam Heights	13
Roosevelt	5
Total	33

**Table 6-6
Neighborhood Parks**

Name	Acreage
Jaycette	2
Randall Park	3
State Street	1
University Park	1
Wilson Park	2
Wold Court	2
Total	11

Table 6-6

**Table 6-7
Community Parks**

Name	Acreage
Carson Park	131
Fairfax Park	72
Mount Simon	49
NW Community Park	112
Owen Park	18
Riverview Park	39
Rod and Gun Park	36
SE Community Park (Otter Creek)	77
Total	534

Table 6-8, Special Areas

Name	Acreage
Archery Park	6
Carson Park Entry	10
Dog Park	19
Eau Claire Soccer Park	38
Ferry Street	33
Forest Street	16
Half Moon Beach & Bayview	5
Hobb's Landing	2
HyLyne	4
Kappus Park	4
Kessler Hockey Bowl	2
Mount Tom	20
Phoenix Park	6
Pinehurst	54
Prairie Lane Soccer Fields	3
Putnam Heights Fields	5
Shale Pit	12
Veterans Park	7
Total	245

Table 6-9, Street Islands

Name	Acreage
MacArthur/Clark	0.1
North end of Keith Street	0.2
Park Avenue	0.1
Agnes/Woodland	0.1
5th St./Folsom	0.1
3rd St./Old Wells Road	0.4
12th St./Cedar	0.2
Roosevelt/McKinley	0.1
1st Ave./Water Street	0.1
Acreage	1.4

Table 6-10
Waterfront and Parkway Areas

Name	Acreage
Thorpe Drive	1
Graham Ave. (E. Lake to E. Grand)	1
Graham Ave. (E. Grand to Eau Claire St.)	1
Farmers Store Park	0.2
Library (Farwell to Dewey)	0.2
Railroad St. Lot (Farwell to Dewey)	0.7
Lakeside Park	0.7
SE Shoreline of Dells Pond	4
EC River (Boyd Park to Archery Park)	3
EC River – northside (N. Dewey to Seymour Rd.)	5
EC River – southside (S. Dewey to S-Bridge)	1
Trail System (Seymour Rd. to Eddy Ln.)	16
Old Wells Rd. (Folsom to North Crossing)	1
West Side RR (Cameron to Folsom)	12
1st Ave. (Fulton to W. Grand)	3
1st Ave. (W. Grand to W. Lake)	1
Trail System (Water St. to 3rd Ave.)	3
Trail System (3rd Ave. to 5th Ave.)	2
Menomonie St. (5th to 6th Ave.)	1
Market St. (7th Ave. to 9th Ave.)	2
Trail System (Hobb's Landing to RR Bridge to DQ)	6
Trail System (Clairemont Ave. to S City Limits)	22
Trail System (Menomonie St. to Lake St.)	11
Trail System (Lake St. to Cameron St.)	4
Trail System (Whipple to 1st Ave.)	2
Total	106

The majority of the areas listed under the municipal classification are owned and maintained by the City. The one exception is for the functional classification of neighborhood playgrounds. Within this category, several playgrounds are owned by the Eau Claire School District. These areas are included with the municipal facilities because the City operates a summer playground program and/or a supervised skating program at these sites and is involved with the maintenance of the facility.

Parks Created Since the 1993 Plan

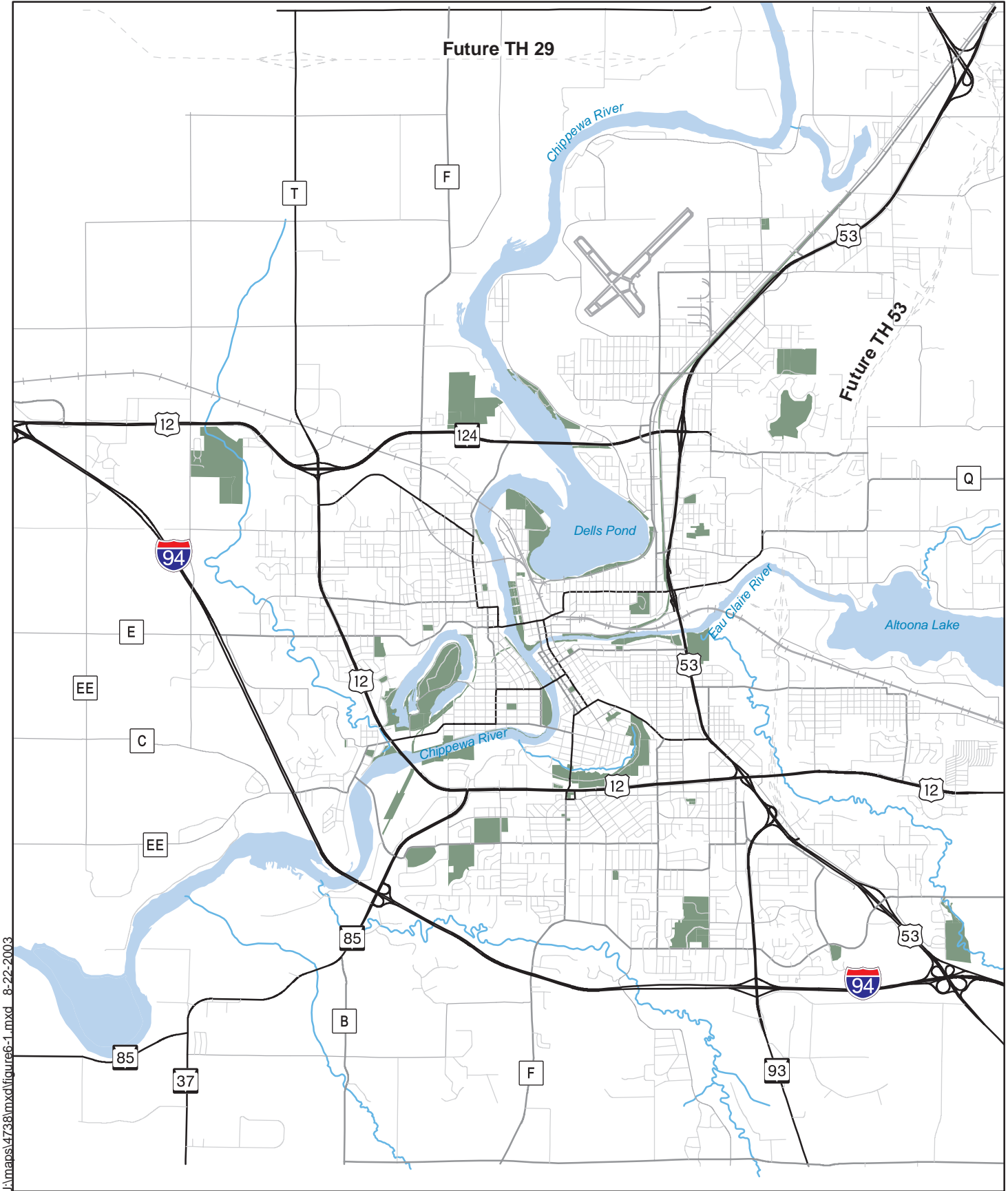
The parks listed in Table 6-11 were acquired by the City since the 1993 *Comprehensive Plan*.

Table 6-11
Parks Acquired Since the 1993 Comprehensive Plan

Quadrant	Park	Classification	Notes
NW	Menards Area	Playground	
SW	Grover Heights	Playground	
SE	Southeast Community	Community	Formerly known as Otter Creek Park
NW	Northwest Community	Community	Wooded bluff and hillside, overlooks, boat launch, picnic areas.
Downtown	Phoenix	Special Area	
Downtown	Forest Street	Special Area	
NE	Sundet Road	Playground	Nature area and trails
SW	Eau Claire Soccer Park	Special Area	

Four of these have been highly significant additions to the system – Southwest, Northwest and Phoenix. The two community parks were sizable, which has helped to balance the great number of smaller sites and to provide two very scenic properties. Northwest Community Park provides access to the Chippewa River as well as dramatic river valley overlooks in a growing quadrant of the city. Southeast Community Park is in a scenic creek valley. Phoenix Park is relatively small but strategically located at the confluence of the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers and part of the public incentive for the redevelopment of a former heavy industrial site in the downtown.

In addition, Forest Street Park is notable for the fact that it was created when the City acquired houses that were devastated by flooding in 1993. Forest Street has added to the City's network of riverfront linear parks, which is becoming an important part of the park system and a key to neighborhood revitalization and stabilization.



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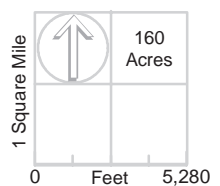


Figure 6-1

Park System, 2003

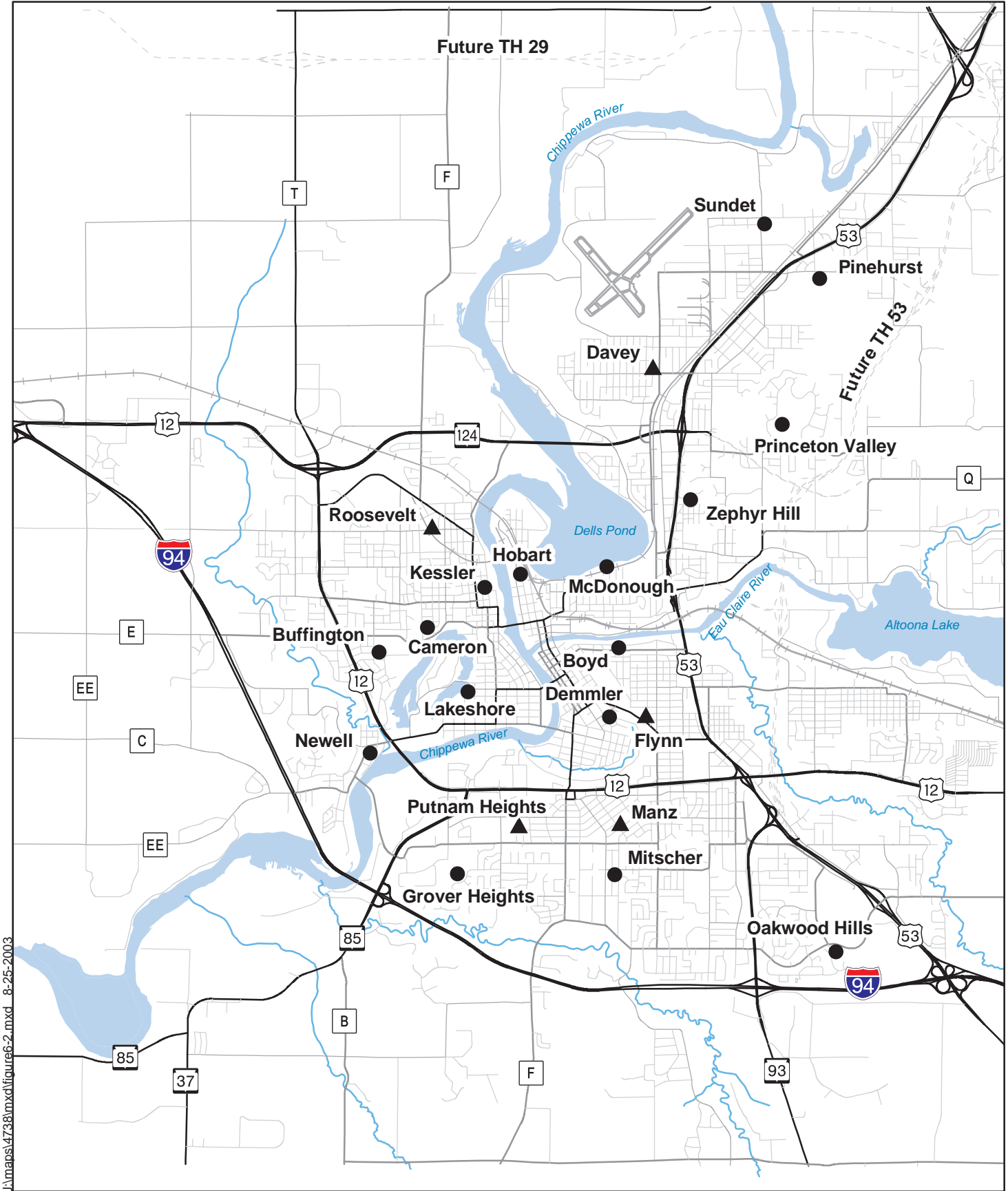
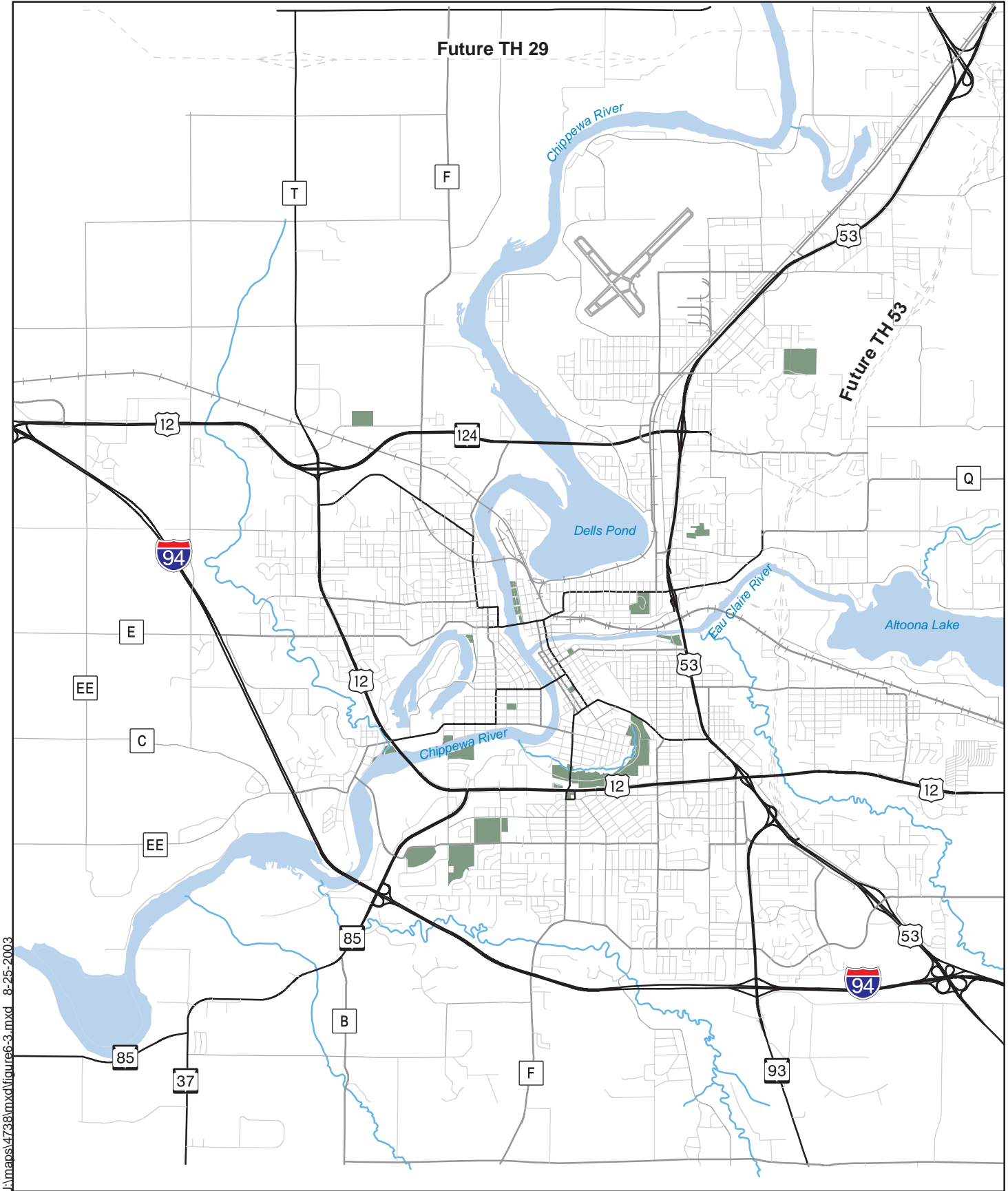


Figure 6-2

**Neighborhood
Playgrounds, 2003**




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 Special Areas and Neighborhood Parks

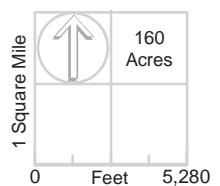
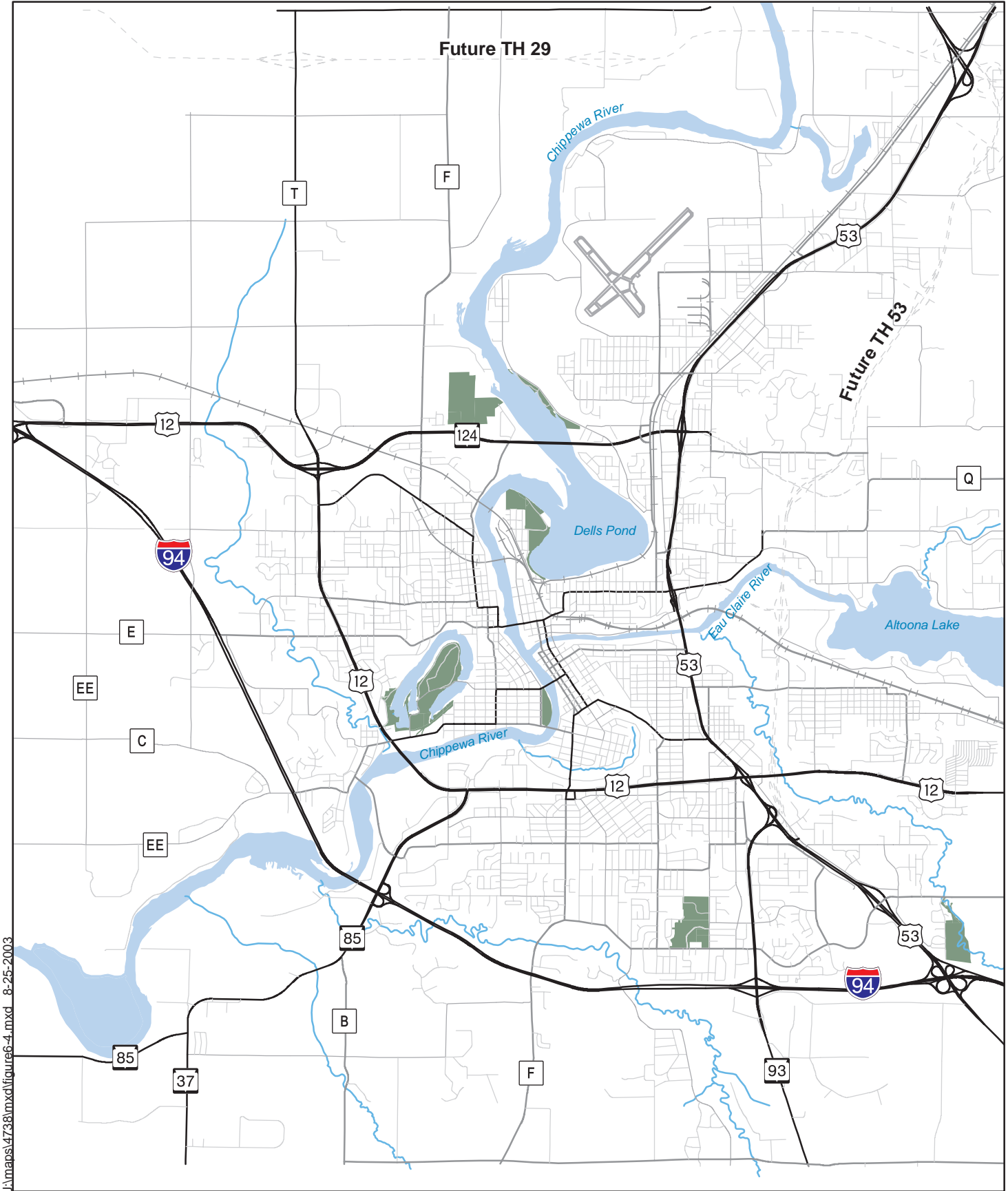


Figure 6-3
Special Areas and Neighborhood Parks



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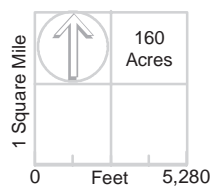


Figure 6-4

Community Parks

School District Open Space

The Eau Claire School District provides approximately 200 acres of recreational open space at 13 locations within Eau Claire (see Figure 6-5). These areas provide a wide range of facilities including: playground equipment at the elementary schools, tennis courts, basketball courts, baseball, football, and soccer fields, running tracks, large open play areas, etc. These sites are primarily used for school-sponsored activities and athletics. However, they do provide additional open space and play area for the neighborhoods in which they are located.

These sites should not necessarily be counted when evaluating the acreage and facilities of the park system. However, the School District and City have entered into a number of cooperative agreements that allow the City to use various school sites for City-sponsored outdoor recreational activities and events.

The size of the school sites are summarized in Table 6-12. These figures exclude the elementary school sites where the City maintains a playground area and operates a summer playground program and excludes the Putnam Heights softball fields. Appendix A identifies the specific facilities and activities available at each of these sites.

Table 6-12
School Sites

Name	Acreage
Lakeshore Elementary School	3
Lincoln Elementary School	2
Locust Lane Elementary School	10
Longfellow Elementary School	3
Meadowview Elementary School	7
Northwoods Elementary School	14
Robbins Elementary School	6
Sherman Elementary School	8
Delong Middle School	30
Northstar Middle School	41
South Middle School	28
Memorial High School	21
North High School	28
Total	200

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Recreation Fields

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire owns or leases approximately 264.6 acres of land, which is used for a variety of outdoor recreation activities for its students and the general public.

Putnam Park

The largest of the University's properties is Putnam Park, a 199-acre tract of heavily forested land. It serves as a natural and wildlife and scenic area for the City of Eau Claire and as a natural arboretum for the University's research and study programs.

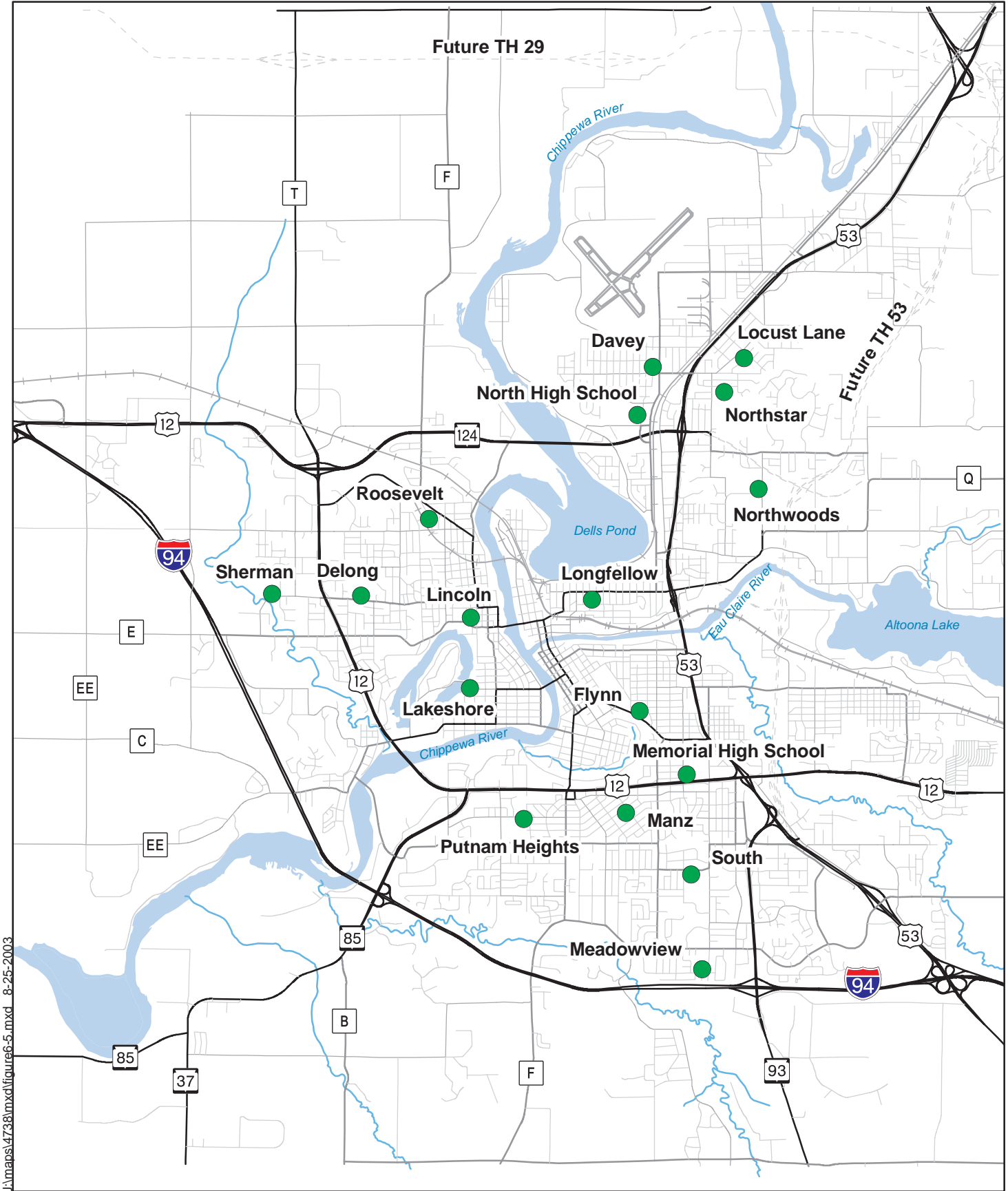
The park was donated to the City in 1909 with the provision that it is kept in a natural state. In 1957 the City deeded the property to the then State Teachers College, now UW-EC. In order to maintain community ties, a Park Commission composed of City and University representatives, subject to the Chancellor's approval, administers the park. A major portion of the park has been declared a scientific interest area.

A self-guiding trail has been built through part of the park and is a valuable resource for nature lovers. Along the trail, and throughout the park, over 400 species of trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants may be found. Various animal life also have discovered this sanctuary in the middle of the City.

Athletic Fields

The University also owns or leases five sites totaling approximately 66.1 acres, which are developed for active recreational activities, such as softball, tennis, and basketball. Three of these sites are located on the upper campus area and include Simpson Field, which is located southeast of McPhee Physical Education Center; ballfield facilities north of Sacred Heart Hospital; and an area south of Governor's Hall and Crestwood Commons. These three facilities provide 14 tennis courts, basketball courts, and softball fields, as well as open areas for activities, such as soccer and football. Putnam Fields, located at the southeast corner of West MacArthur Avenue is privately owned, but leased by the City and University. This facility includes two softball fields.

The remaining area owned by the University is a 36.8-acre tract of land called Bollinger Fields, which is located north of Hamilton Avenue and west of Stein Boulevard. This athletic field complex has been developed for baseball, softball and soccer. The City of Eau Claire has entered into a cooperative agreement with the University for use of the fields for city-sponsored leagues.



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● Public school sites within the city

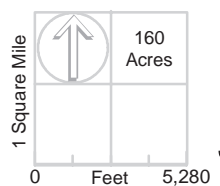


Figure 6-5

School and Park Sites

Nearby State and County Parks

There are a number of parks and open space areas in the vicinity of Eau Claire that should also be considered in the planning process for the City's park system. These parks are summarized in Table 6-13 along with the facilities developed at each site. Although not included in the acreage summary of parks, these areas are regularly used by residents. Because of their larger size they offer a variety of amenities and recreational activities, while maintaining a natural and wild environment that generally cannot be provided in any of the more urban parks with the possible exception of Carson Park and Mt. Simon Recreational Area. Facilities commonly provided include: camping, boating, swimming, fishing, hiking, picnicking, nature trails, etc.

Table 6-13
State and County Parks Near Eau Claire

NAME OF PARK	FACILITIES	Camping	Nature Trails	Snowmobiling	Picnicking	Picnic Shelters	Swimming	Canoeing	Boating	Water Skiing	Fishing	Boat Landing	Playground	Drinking Water	Cross Country Skiing	Concessions	Pit Toilets	Flush Toilets	Fitness Trail	Disc Golf
Big Falls Co. Park					•			•			•						•			
Coon Fork Co. Park		•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•		•	•		
Harstad Co. Park		•			•	•		•			•		•	•			•			
Lake Altoona Co. Park			•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•		
Lake Eau Claire Co. Park				•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•			•			
Phillips Co. Park			•		•	•					•				•		•			
Lowes Creek Co. Park					•	•					•			•	•		•		•	
Beaver Creek Reserve		•	•								•			•	•			•	•	
Tower Ridge Co. Ski Trail			•												•		•			•
Lake Wissota State Park		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

Planned Parks

In addition to the existing facilities described above, the 1993 *Comprehensive Plan* identified several future park locations as identified by Figure 6-1, Existing and Planned Parks, and Table 6-14. A few of those parks have already been created. Of the unbuilt planned parks, 5 are to be Neighborhood Playgrounds, 3 will be Community Parks and 6 will be a Special Area parks. Currently, the City does not have ownership of all these sites.

Table 6-14
Previously Planned but Unbuilt Parks, 2002

Quadrant	Park	Classification	Acreage	Notes
NW	Jeffers Road	Special Area	40	Athletic fields
NW	Dells Point	Special Area	30	Nature area and trails
NW	County Farm	Playground	30	
NW	Sherman Creek	Community	30	
SW	Kiwanis	Playground or Special Area	10	Heavily wooded site available at no cost by the Kiwanis Club.
S	Short Street Rest Area	Special Area	3	State trail parking and rest area
S	Grover Point	Special Area	5	Scenic overlook
S	Horlacker	Playground	5 to 10	
NE	Phoenix Park	Special Area	5 to 10	Trailhead for Chippewa State Trail, river overlook, paths, farmers' market, downtown site
NE	McKinley Road	Playground	5 to 10 acres	
NE	Black School	Playground	5 to 10	Site of new NE elementary school
NE	LaSalle	Playground	5 to 10	
NE	Early Drive	Special Area	5 to 10	
NE	Airport Road	Special Area	40	Suited for active recreation

Waterways and Greenways

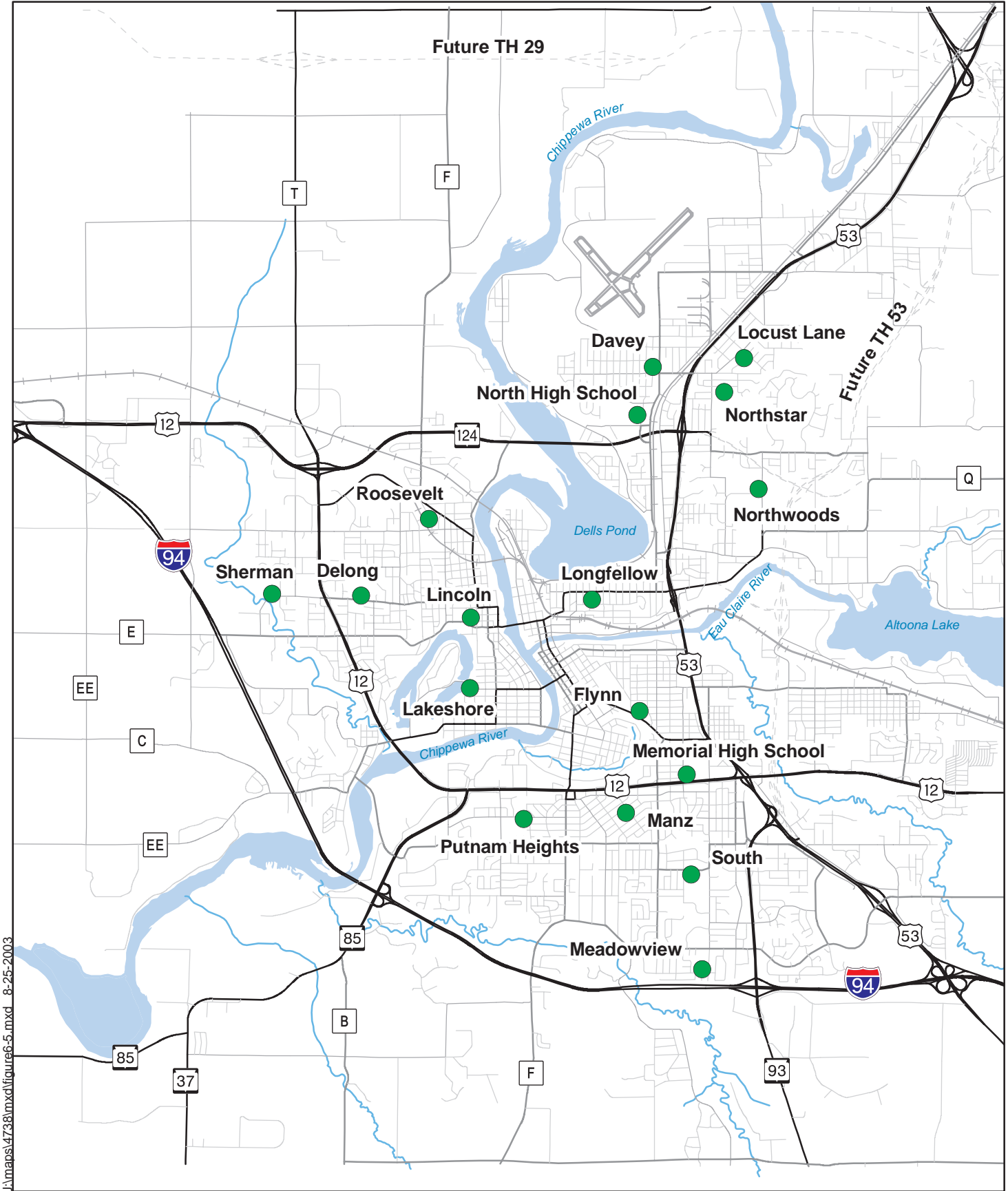
In addition to the many other parks described previously, Eau Claire is fortunate to have the scenic Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers and Half Moon Lake located in the heart of the community. The City has heartily embraced the idea of greening the river edges and providing generous amounts of public access. Several stretches of linear parks have been created along both rivers, particularly the Chippewa, and more are planned. Perhaps one of the best things that Eau Claire could do for itself would be to acquire additional riverfront lands or easements and extend the system, as greenways increase in value as they grow in length.

Three of the most significant new parks of the system are along the Chippewa River:

- **Phoenix Park:** Phoenix Park is located right at the confluence of the Chippewa and Eau Claire Rivers and functions as a major public incentive for the redevelopment of the balance of the North Barstow District. It is also a center point trailhead for the 63-mile Chippewa River State Bicycle Trail. Features of this downtown gem will include an amphitheater, paths, landscaping, open space and a farmers' market. This park is sure to become a favorite of the community.
- **Northwest Community Park:** This park site is located between Jeffers Road and the river, from the top of the bluff to the water's edge. This general site was identified in the 1993 *Comprehensive Plan* and was acquired by the City.
- **Forest Street Park:** Just upriver from Phoenix Park is the new Forest Street Park, which was created when the City acquired houses that were located in the floodplain and were flooded in 1993. In a stroke, the situation was changed from a liability to an asset.

Although not new, four other riverfront parks of note are the beautiful arboretum at the University of Wisconsin campus called Putnam Park, which extends inland along an ancient river gorge, the scenic Riverview Park, which is located along the upper gorge of the Chippewa, Carson Park and Owen Park.

One of the City's earliest waterfront parks of Eau Claire is the 130-acre Carson Park, classified as a Community Park.



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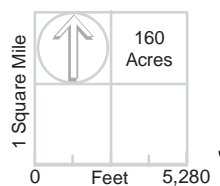


Figure 6-5

School and Park Sites

Trails

Closely related to the linear parks along the rivers are the City's off-road paved bicycling and walking paths, which is depicted by Figure 6-5. Its principal element is the Chippewa River State Bicycle Trail, through the community and links Menomonee, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls in the future, and Cornell (Brunet Island State Park). Other off-road paths loop Carson Park and extend through Putnam Park. The off-road paths are not yet extensive enough to create an interconnected system, and there are no on-road striped bicycle lanes to supplement and link them.

Trails are planned to link the Phoenix Park trailhead and Riverview Park along the Chippewa River, and east along the Eau Claire River toward Lake Altoona.

There are several bridges or tunnels that help bicyclists and pedestrians cross what would otherwise be major barriers:

- A former railroad bridge over the Chippewa River linking First Avenue to Phoenix Park (part of the Chippewa State Trail)
- The S-Bridge, a former railroad bridge over the Eau Claire River near Banbury Place
- The Memorial High School tunnel under Clairemont Avenue
- Chippewa Valley Technical College bridge over Clairemont Avenue
- The UW Fine Arts Building bridge over the Chippewa River
- The Grand Avenue bridge over the Chippewa River
- The former railroad bridge over the Chippewa River east of Clairemont Avenue
- The Fifth Avenue tunnel
- The Riverview Drive tunnel under Highway 124 (The North Crossing)
- Damon Street tunnel
- Boyd Park bridge
- The Main Street tunnel
- The Vine Street bridge over Clairemont Avenue (2004)



The S Bridge bicycle and pedestrian trail over the Eau Claire River leads to the Banbury Place office, industrial and housing complex.

Neighborhood versus District Playgrounds

“Right-sizing” the playground system may be a major issue in this comprehensive plan.

Eau Claire has 18 Neighborhood Playgrounds, one-third of which are associated with a school and each having play equipment, a supervised summer recreation program and winter skating. In recent years, the City has been building enclosed shelter buildings with restrooms for recreation, warming skaters and other activities. The aim was to have a Playground within 1/2 mile of any resident’s home. Not every Playground has presently water (for cooling, either a “sprayground” or a swimming pool). As this is an expensive element to staff and maintain, and budgets have been squeezed, the City may need to rethink this major element of its parks and recreation program. The number of skating rinks will be reduced to eight in 2003-04.

Rather than upgrade the several playgrounds that do not have water or a new shelter, budget constraints may force the City to choose a subset of all Playgrounds to be improved. The number chosen would depend on the funding budgeted. Under this “District Playground” scenario, it may be useful to identify Playgrounds that presently have water, have a shelter building, are adjacent to a school and are centrally located within a district. Additional Playgrounds not meeting those criteria could be added to the list if necessary and feasible. Instead of emphasizing Neighborhood Playgrounds that serve approximately 4,000 residents each, the District Playgrounds could each serve some greater number.

One of the problems is that the recent shelter buildings were designed for Neighborhood Playgrounds, and shelters for “District Playgrounds” might appropriately be larger and include meeting rooms.

Park Land Acquisition

Presently, the City does not have an ordinance regulating the acquisition of land for parks. Most cities require that land or money, at the City’s discretion, be given to the City during the course of creating new residential subdivisions. The dedication requirement is usually about ten percent of the land area of the plat and the cash alternative is usually about ten percent of the assessed value of the land prior to subdivision.

A park land and cash dedication ordinance was reviewed but not adopted by the City Council in the late 1980s, the mid 1990s and in again 2003. The Council had concerns about whether cash could be fairly allocated back to the area from which it was generated.

Consequently, the City acquires each park site by negotiating individually and subjectively on each one. The solution is to either buy the desired site with General Fund monies or require its dedication by forcing the subdivider to seek approval through the Planned Development ordinance, which does have a park dedication requirement. There is no cash-in-lieu option for smaller subdivisions and apartment buildings.

The advantage of buying land with General Fund monies is that it increases the chance of obtaining exactly the right site. This is a very appropriate method when acquiring large sites that will be used by people from across the city or outside a single neighborhood. For Neighborhood Playgrounds and Parks, it puts the cost of land acquisition on all taxpayers rather than just those who would most benefit.

Recreation Programs

The Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department offers an ambitious variety of activities for youth and adults in all seasons, using the parks and several Middle School gymnasiums. The summer recreation program aims to provide within ½ mile of almost every house a supervised recreation program.

Appendix A presents numeric tallies of attendance at each of the programs.

Instructional Programs: In 2002, the City served 634 adults and 4,695 children in 22 instructional programs, primarily swimming. The number of swimming students is up from prior years.

Athletic Programs: In 2002, there were 3,569 adults and youth in athletic programs including basketball, hockey, soccer, volleyball and officials' training. Youth soccer was the biggest single activity, although its registration is down since 1998. Open gym at the Middle Schools attracted 3,300 participants, primarily in weight lifting and open volleyball.

Indoor Aquatics Program: The City sponsors indoor swimming including lap swims, open swims and drop-in water aerobics. These popular programs attracted 5,100 people in 2002. Attendance is down from 5,800 in 1998.

Neighborhood Playground Program: There are softball programs for adults and youth. The number of adult teams is steady while the number of youth teams is down to eight from fourteen since 1998.

Neighborhood Playground Program: In 2002, there were 13,100 visits to the Neighborhood Playground Program, while is down from 15,500 in 1998.

Community Programs: Other specialized community programs such as band concerts, after-school programming and Par-te-Rec attracted 12,700 people in 2002.

Putnam Heights Playground Program for children with Special Needs: This program served 800 children in 2002, up from 566 in 1998.

Park Facilities Needs

This section summarizes the estimated need for new or improved park facilities based on observations and analysis by the Parks and Recreation staff. Facility needs would be influenced by any decision about consolidating the number of full-service Playgrounds. (Refer to the section entitled Neighborhood versus District Playgrounds.)

More Indoor Gymnasium Space and a Fitness Center

The city is currently using three Middle School gymnasiums, which are available only one night per week after 8 PM, and the School District may reduce the availability further. The City would like to have more time available, control of the facility, and weight lifting and other fitness equipment.

Indoor Aquatic Center

An indoor swimming pool with a slide(s), zero-depth edge, and similar attractions would fill an unmet demand. In 2003, the Eau Claire YMCA was raising money for an indoor aquatic center of its own. The City does not wish to compete directly with the YMCA, and it is yet to be determined whether there is sufficient demand for two such facilities.

Community Center

A single building could accommodate the gymnasium space, fitness facilities and indoor aquatic center described above and also include community meeting rooms. A possible site for a community center would be the land owned by the City at the south entrance of Carson Park along Menomonie Street.

Indoor Ice Sheet

The Hobbs Ice Arena has two ice sheets, which is used by the two high schools and the men's and women's teams from the University plus youth leagues and open skating. This building does not provide enough hours of ice time relative to the local demand, is inadequate for varsity use as it lacks lockers, office and a lobby. An overall remodeling of the Hobbs Arena and a new building with one ice sheet and adequate seating, lockers, etc., is needed to serve the present needs of the hockey and skating community.

The four outdoor hockey rinks are underutilized.

Softball Fields

All of the softball fields in the City parks are less than 300 feet to the outfield fence, which is considered inadequate for adult play. The City currently uses "full-sized" the University fields, but cannot get access to them until mid-May each year. A possible site for a multi-field softball complex is Jeffers Park, located along Jeffers Road north of US 124. Another possibility would be Roosevelt Park, located along Folsom Street next to Roosevelt Playground, although that site is classified as a Neighborhood Playground is only 4.5 acres.

Soccer Fields

The City has a shortage of full-sized soccer fields, although there are seven: three such fields at the Eau Claire Soccer Park, one at DeLong School, one at Northstar School and two at Bollinger Fields.

Baseball

Eau Claire is adequately served with baseball fields, although the fields at Fairfax Park could use lights.

Football

The football field at Carson Park served the University and the two high schools for a total of 24 games per season, making it difficult and costly (about \$30,000 per year) to maintain an acceptable playing surface. If that centrally-located field were converted to synthetic turf (approximately \$600,000 with a ten- to twenty-year life), it could serve football well plus provide quite a few hourly weekly for soccer (and other field sports such as lacrosse, which is gaining popularity).

Fairfax Pool

The outdoor pool at Fairfax Park is a very nice facility and popular with the community. The City even runs a shuttle bus from several neighborhoods to and from the pool. This was the first zero-depth pool in Wisconsin and includes a 50-meter lap pool and a diving pool. However, it could be enhanced with lights and spray equipment. Another nice addition would be a mini-golf course.



A picnic shelter in Carson Park.

Appendix A

Inventory of Park Facilities by Type of Park

Table A-1
Inventory of Facilities in Neighborhood Playgrounds

FACILITY NAME	# of Acres	Archery	Baseball	Basketball Hoops	Boat Launch	Concession Stand	Fishing	Flower Garden	Football	Hockey Area	Hockey Rink	Ice Skating	Nature Trails	Parking Lot	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Play Equipment	Recreational Field Area	Scenic Overlooks	Ski Trails	Shelter House	Sliding Hill	Soccer	Softball	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Toilet Facilities	Track	Volleyball	SPECIAL FEATURES
Boyd Park	7.2			•			•			•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•			•			Access to trail
Buffington	11.7											•					•	•	•											
Cameron	3.4			•						•		•					•	•			•						•			
Demmler	3.9			•						•		•					•	•			•						•			Community gardens
Grover Heights	8.9			•								•		•			•	•			•		•				•			Access to trail & soccer park
Hobart	2.5			•													•	•			•									Educational garden
Kessler	1.9			•								•					•							•						Unsupervised skating
Lakeshore	2.8											•		•	•				•		•						•			Recreation trail access
McDonough	10.3			•			•	•		•		•		•	•		•	•	•		•					•		•		Access to Dells Pond
Mitscher	2.9									•		•					•	•			•						•			
Newell	3.0			•								•				•	•	•			•			•						
Oakwood Hills	5.4			•								•		•	•	•	•				•		•				•			
Pinehurst	4.9										•	•		•				•			•	•					•			
Princeton Valley	2.5											•					•	•												Unsupervised skating
Sundet	5.1			•								•	•	•			•	•									•			
Zephyr Hill	5.2			•										•			•	•						•						
Total	81.6																													

Note: A dot indicates that one such facility is present at the site. If more than one is present, the number is indicated in the box.

Table A-2
Inventory of Facilities in Neighborhood Parks

FACILITY NAME	# of Acres	Archery	Baseball	Basketball Hoops	Boat Launch	Concession Stand	Fishing	Flower Garden	Football	Hockey Area	Hockey Rink	Ice Skating	Nature Trails	Parking Lot	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Play Equipment	Recreational Field Area	Scenic Overlooks	Ski Trails	Shelter House	Sliding Hill	Soccer	Softball	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Toilet Facilities	Track	Volleyball	SPECIAL FEATURES
Jaycette	2.0							•						•	•	•														
Randall Park	2.9							•									•													Statue, picnic tables
State Street	1.2																													
University	1.3							•																						Picnic tables
Wilson	1.6							•																						Fountain & decorative lighting
Wold	1.6																													
Total	10.6																													

Note: A dot indicates that one such facility is present at the site. If more than one is present, the number is indicated in the box.

Table A-3
Inventory of Facilities in School Playgournds

FACILITY NAME	# of Acres	Archery	Baseball	Basketball Hoops	Boat Launch	Concession Stand	Fishing	Flower Garden	Football	Hockey Area	Hockey Rink	Ice Skating	Nature Trails	Parking Lot	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Play Equipment	Recreational Field Area	Scenic Overlooks	Ski Trails	Shelter House	Sliding Hill	Soccer	Softball	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Toilet Facilities	Track	Volleyball	SPECIAL FEATURES
Davey	3.6			•								•					•	•			•		•				•			
Flynn	5.2			•													•	•			•		•							Shelter house in school
Manz	5.0			•						•		•		•			•	•			•		•							
Putnam Heights	13.4			•						•	•	•		•			•	•			•		•				•			Play equip. for handicap
Roosevelt	4.5			•						•		•		•			•	•			•		•				•			
Total	31.7																													

Note: A dot indicates that one such facility is present at the site. If more than one is present, the number is indicated in the box.

Table A-4
Inventory of School District Open Space Sites

FACILITY NAME	# of Acres	Archery	Baseball	Basketball Hoops	Boat Launch	Concession Stand	Fishing	Flower Garden	Football	Hockey Area	Hockey Rink	Ice Skating	Nature Trails	Parking Lot	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Play Equipment	Recreational Field Area	Scenic Overlooks	Ski Trails	Shelter House	Sliding Hill	Soccer	Softball	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Toilet Facilities	Track	Volleyball	SPECIAL FEATURES
Lakeshore ES	2.7			•										•			•	•					•	•						Adjacent bike trail
Lincoln ES	1.7			4										•			•	•												
Locust Lane ES	9.5			•										•			•	•			•		•	•						Wooded area
Longfellow ES	2.5			4										•			•	•												
Meadowview ES	7.1			4										•			•	•					•	•						
Northwoods ES	14.0			•										•			•	•					•	•						
Robbins ES	5.8		•	2										•			•	•					•	•						
Sherman ES	8.0			•										•			•	•					•	•						Adjacent to Township Park
DeLong Junior HS	30.4	•	•						•					•			•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Northstar Junior HS	40.6		•						•					•			•	•					•		•	•	•	•	•	
South Junior HS	27.9								•					•			•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Memorial H.S.	21.4		•						•					•			•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
North H.S.	28.4		•	•					•					•			•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Total	200.0																													

Note: A dot indicates that one such facility is present at the site. If more than one is present, the number is indicated in the box.

Table A-5
Inventory of Community Parks

FACILITY NAME	# of Acres	Archery	Baseball	Basketball Hoops	Boat Launch	Concession Stand	Fishing	Flower Garden	Football	Hockey Area	Hockey Rink	Ice Skating	Nature Trails	Parking Lot	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Play Equipment	Recreational Field Area	Scenic Overlooks	Ski Trails	Shelter House	Sliding Hill	Soccer	Softball	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Toilet Facilities	Track	Volleyball	SPECIAL FEATURES	
Carson	130.6		●		●	2	●	2	●				●	●	8	3	●		3	●				2		3	●		●	Horseshoe cts., RR, & museum	
Fairfax	72.3		●			●							●	●						●				●	●		●		●	Two little league fields	
Mt. Simon	49.3	4	2		●		●						●	●	4	2	●	●	●								●			●	Baseball complex, frisbie golf
NW Community Park	111.5																	●										2		Undeveloped	
Owen	17.8						●	●						●	●	●	●									2	●			Bandshell	
Riverview	39.2				●		●							●	4	2	●			●							●		●	Island picnic area	
Rod & Gun Club	36.0						●						●	●	2	●	●										●			Spring-fed ponds-water wheel	
SE Community Park	77.3																													Undeveloped	
Total	534.0																														

Note: A dot indicates that one such facility is present at the site. If more than one is present, the number is indicated in the box.

Table A-6
Inventory of Special Areas

FACILITY NAME	# of Acres	Archery	Baseball	Basketball Hoops	Boat Launch	Concession Stand	Fishing	Flower Garden	Football	Hockey Area	Hockey Rink	Ice Skating	Nature Trails	Parking Lot	Picnic Area	Picnic Shelter	Play Equipment	Recreational Field Area	Scenic Overlooks	Ski Trails	Shelter House	Sliding Hill	Soccer	Softball	Swimming	Tennis Courts	Toilet Facilities	Track	Volleyball	SPECIAL FEATURES
Archery Park	6.4	8												●																
Bollinger Field*	36.8		●			●			●					●	●	●							●	●			●		●	Joint use with UW-EC
Carson Park Entry	9.6																													Undeveloped
Dog Park	18.6													●																Undeveloped
E.C. Soccer Park	38.2					●								●									●				●			
Ferry Street	32.3				●		●																							Undeveloped area
Forest Street	16.2						●	●						●	●			●												
Half Moon Beach/Bayview	5.3						●							●	●										●					
Hobb's Landing	2.4				●		●							●	●															Access to Chippewa River Trail
HyLyne	4.3																	●			●									
Kappus	3.9																	●												Mowed open area
Kessler Area	1.9																	●												Mowed open area
Mt. Tom	20.2													●	●			●												
Phoenix Park	5.9						●												●											Access to trail
Pinehurst	53.4										●	●		●				●			●	●					●			
Prairie Ln. Soccer	2.8													●									●							
Putnam Heights Fields	5.4																							2						
Shale Pit	11.3												●											4						
Veteran's Park	7.1						●																							Access to Chippewa River
Total	282.0																													

Note: A dot indicates that one such facility is present at the site. If more than one is present, the number is indicated in the box.

*Owned by UW-EC

Appendix B: Recreational Activities and Programs, 2002

Instructional Program

Adult Activities

	<i>Enrollment</i>
Adult "LIFE" Series	29
Art Classes	64
Deep Water Fitness	172
Golf	127
Social Dance	50
Swimming	35
Tennis	29
Traditional Water Fitness	80
Kundalini Yoga	48
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMS	634

Youth Activities

	<i>Enrollment</i>
Adapted Swim	12
Art Classes	530
Baton	62
Discovery Junction	177
Drama	26
Golf	77
Gymnastics	381
Hockey Clinic	186
Lifeguard Training	48
Karate	76
Spinners	15
Swimming	2,849
Tennis	227
What's Cooking	29
TOTAL YOUTH PROGRAMS	4,695

TOTAL ALL INSTRUCTIONAL	5,329
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Neighborhood Playground Program Attendance Analysis

SITE	2002 Average	2002 Rank	2002 Atten	2001 Atten	2000 Atten	1999 Atten	1998 Atten
Boyd	11	14	463	862	1,046	807	1,229
Cameron	10	15	404	673	944	724	964
Davey	24	3	1,153	1,311	1,463	1,222	1,029
Demmler	18	8	739	824	776	849	903
Grover Heigh	12	12	508	752	711	680	NA
Hobart*	10	16	394	588	1,002	731	837
Kessler	24	4	999	956	483	705	937
Lakeshore*	15	11	634	689	727	1,043	917
Lee St.	NA	NA	NA	NA	699	1,030	1,182
Manz	21	5	997	1,399	794	671	834
McDonough*	27	1	1,290	1,579	1,308	989	1,016
Meadowview	23	6	940	769	828	1,068	1,199
Mitscher	29	2	1,180	936	809	1,175	1,456
Newell	16	10	673	573	755	882	647
Northwoods	NA	NA	NA	314	NA	NA	NA
Oakwood	NA	NA	NA	157	300	NA	386
Pinehurst	12	13	499	482	750	482	682
Princeton	9	17	360	568	918	679	593
Robbins	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	257	NA
Roosevelt	20	7	839	490	975	1,058	690
Sundet	18	9	736	NA	NA	NA	NA
Zephyr Hill	8	18	333	431	294	507	NA
TOTAL ATTENDANCE			13,141	14,353	15,582	15,559	15,501

*10 week programs, all other sites are 8 weeks

Putnam Heights Playground Program for Children with Special Needs

2002 Average	2002 Atten	2001 Atten	2000 Atten	1999 Atten	1998 Atten
26	796	789	573	652	566

Community Programs

General Interest

<i>Program</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Family Movie Series	675
Municipal Band Concerts-Owen Park	1,300
Municipal Band Concert-4th of July	2,500
Teen Night @ Fairfax	170
Middle School Programming	0
Safe & Sound After School Programming	3,931
4th of July Family Games	160
TOTAL	8,736

Special Populations

<i>Program</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
Senior Citizens Club	200
Par-te-Rec	3,189
Outdoor Summer Par-te-Rec	401
Adventure Night	79
Alley Cats	133
TOTAL	4,002

PAVILION RESERVATIONS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
Braun's Bay	98	97	93	80
Birch	95	101	97	97
Oak	119	117	149	128
Pine	118	114	110	117
Rod & Gun	127	99	114	117
Mt. Simon-Dells	85	81	91	79
Mt. Simon-Hillside	72	67	68	73
Riverview- Main	74	82	85	82
Riverview-Lions	71	78	71	59
Riverview-Island	53	54	58	57
TOTAL	912	890	936	889

Softball Program -- Adults

NUMBER OF TEAMS REGISTERED - FIVE YEAR HISTORY

YEAR	COED	MEN'S 2 DAY	MEN'S 1 DAY	MEN'S FASTPITCH	WOMEN	TOTAL
2002	54	0	46	6	11	117
2001	54	0	50	0	9	113
2000	50	0	50	0	10	110
1999	48	6	51	0	8	113
1998	48	9	50	0	8	115

NUMBER OF PLAYERS REGISTERED - FIVE YEAR HISTORY

YEAR	# TEAMS	# LEAGUES	# PLAYERS
2002	117	20	1,695
2001	113	19	1,611
2000	110	18	1,548
1999	113	18	1,629
1998	115	20	1,622

2002 SOFTBALL PROGRAM - YOUTH

NUMBER OF PLAYERS REGISTERED - FIVE YEAR HISTORY

League Play

YEAR	# TEAMS	# PLAYERS
2002	8	116
2001	9	133
2000	9	137
1999	12	154
1998	14	189

Instructional Program

YEAR	# TEAMS	# PLAYERS
2002	N/A	15
2001	N/A	15
2000	N/A	26

Indoor Aquatics

LAP SWIM PROGRAM

<u>Season</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Daily Ave.</u>
Winter/Spring	Delong	230	44	5.35
Winter/Spring	Northstar	203	31	6.55
Summer	Northstar	190	23	8.26
Summer	Memorial	44	11	4.00
Fall	Delong	198	34	5.82
Fall	Northstar	196	23	8.52
TOT LAP SWIM		1,061		

OPEN SWIM PROGRAM

<u>Season</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Daily Ave.</u>
Winter/Spring	Delong (Sat)	258	14	18.43
Winter/Spring	Delong (Wed)	409	17	24.06
Winter/Spring	South	75	13	6.25
Winter/Spring	Northstar	261	14	18.64
Spring Break	All	128	4	32.00
Summer	Northstar	1,858	38	48.89
Fall	Delong (Sun)	232	12	19.33
Fall	Delong (Wed)	253	12	21.08
Fall	Northstar	187	12	15.58
Christmas Holiday	All	139	3	46.33
TOT OPEN SWIM		3,800		

DROP-IN WATER AEROBICS

<u>Season</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Days Open</u>	<u>Daily Ave.</u>
Summer	Northstar (Deep)	99	8	12.38
Summer	Memorial (Trad)	34	7	4.86
Summer	Delong (Trad)	77	8	9.63
Summer	Delong (Deep)	77	8	9.63
TOT WATER AEROBICS		287		

TOTAL AQUATICS 5,148

INDOOR AQUATIC PROGRAM - FIVE YEAR HISTORY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>
2002	5,148
2001	5,477
2000	5,217
1999	5,149
1998	5,792

Athletic Programs -- Five-Year History

<i>Adult Activities</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Men's Basketball	135	111	99	143	122
Volleyball Official Training	14	10	6	7	12
Basketball Official Training	10	8	8	19	16
Coach Training Class	0	0	9	8	4
Men's Open Hockey	180	105	88	112	142
Men's Over 30 Hockey	471	488	475	623	590
Tennis Leagues	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	15
Tennis Tournaments	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	40
Co-Rec Volleyball	345	416	442	407	491
Co-Comp Volleyball	416	417	381	356	232
Sand Volleyball	116	126	118	105	99
Women's Volleyball	184	191	170	151	129
Tri-City Volleyball Tournament	240	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	275	<i>NA</i>
TOTAL ADULT ACTIVITIES	2,111	1,872	1,796	2,206	1,892

<i>Youth Activities</i>					
Baseball	363	405	392	324	423
Basketball	245	216	225	103	105
Golf League	77	72	72	72	57
Hockey	295	256	268	323	372
Soccer	478	525	595	677	685
Tennis Tournaments	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	9
Tennis Leagues	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	6	15
Twins Trip	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	66
TOTAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES	1,458	1,474	1,552	1,505	1,732

TOTAL ATHLETIC	3,569	3,346	3,348	2,583	3,624
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OPEN GYM TOTALS - FIVE YEAR HISTORY

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<i>Adult Programs</i>					
Open Basketball	16	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	196	166
Open Volleyball	989	1,000	794	407	517
TOTAL ADULT GYMS	1,005	1,000	794	603	683

<i>Youth Programs</i>					
Saturday Gym	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	81	217
Holiday Gym	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	282	309
Summer Gym	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	342	788
Weight Room	3,303	2,695	1,641	2,092	3,052
Open Basketball	<i>NA</i>	350	<i>NA</i>	342	798
TOTAL YOUTH GYMS	3,303	3,045	1,641	3,139	5,164

Athletic Programs, 2002

<i>Adult Activities</i>	<i># of Teams</i>	<i>Participants</i>
Men's Basketball	14	135
Basketball Officials Training	NA	10
Volleyball Officials Training	NA	14
Men's Open Hockey	12	180
Men's Over 30 Hockey	NA	471
Co-Rec Volleyball	42	345
Co-Comp Volleyball	52	416
Sand Volleyball	13	116
Women's Volleyball	22	184
Tri-City Volleyball Tourney	30	240
TOTAL ADULT ATHLETIC		2,111

<i>Youth Activities</i>	<i># of Teams</i>	<i>Participants</i>
T-Ball Baseball	NA	225
Junior Baseball	11	138
Basketball - Grade 3-4	12	112
Basketball -Grade 5-6	10	90
Basketball -Grade 7-8	5	43
Golf League	NA	77
Hockey Leagues	16	210
Hockey-Mini Mites	NA	85
Soccer		478
TOTAL YOUTH ATHLETIC		1,458

TOTAL ATHLETIC REGISTRATION 3,569

Instructional Program -- Five-Year History

<i>Adult Programs</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Traditional Water Fitness	80	92	116	182	195
Art Classes	64	75	80	114	50
Deep Water Fitness	172	151	113	136	91
Golf	127	127	184	175	183
Social Dance	50	64	68	24	22
Swimming	35	42	32	28	21
Tennis	29	16	23	30	31
Cooking	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	7	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Adult "LIFE" Series	29	66	59	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Kundalini Yoga	48	30	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
TOTAL ADULT PROGRAMS	634	663	682	689	593

<i>Youth Programs</i>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Adapted Swim	12	12	16	19	10
Art Classes	530	416	537	318	220
Baton	62	84	79	96	106
Cross-Country Ski	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	9
Drama	26	33	37	36	21
What's Cooking	29	28	31	26	31
Golf	94	103	95	126	145
Gymnastics	381	444	423	421	345
Hockey Clinic	186	170	222	269	312
Lifeguard Training	48	30	38	39	35
Ice Skating	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	58
Karate	76	105	94	106	86
Cheerleading	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>	12	18	<i>NA</i>
Pom Poms	<i>NA</i>	27	13	18	17
Spinners	15	13	16	16	13
Swimming	2,849	2,884	2,759	2,718	2,663
Tennis	227	264	227	218	302
Discovery Junction	177	142	141	133	72
TOTAL YOUTH PROGRAMS	4,712	4,755	4,740	4,577	4,445

TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL	5,346	5,418	5,422	5,266	5,038
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